

A woman wearing a blue headscarf is shown in profile, looking upwards with a hopeful expression. She is standing in a field of golden wheat. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow and a lens flare effect. The overall mood is peaceful and hopeful.

# RUTH

*Experiencing the Fullness of God's Grace*

***A Bitter Return to a  
Place of Hope***

**Ruth 1:19-22**

**v. 21 “I went out full, and the LORD hath brought me home again empty: ...”**

**(1) A contrast in Initiation**

**(2) A contrast in Direction**

**(3) A contrast in Condition**

**Hope and bitterness, at the same time.**

**It may seem costly, but turning (or returning) to Jesus is the only source of real hope in an empty world.**

- 1. To be away from Jesus is to be far from life and hope.**
- 2. Staying away from Jesus leads only to emptiness.**
- 3. Turning back to Jesus may be costly, but it is our only hope.**